

Kenneth Cooper Alexander Mayor

Mayor Kenneth Cooper Alexander Welcomes the Pamunkey Indian Tribe to Norfolk

"Today, Pamunkey Chief Robert Gray announced the intentions of his tribe to bring a world class resort casino and spa to Norfolk. We are excited about the interest of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe in Norfolk. I have enjoyed getting to know Chief Gray, and his team, over the past year and I look forward to growing this relationship as negotiations continue.

"After looking at other cities, they chose Norfolk. Our city is welcoming, inclusive, and has momentum created by years of strategic leadership and vision. The tribe's decision validates Norfolk as an emerging destination for tourism in the mid-Atlantic, and the center for entertainment in Hampton Roads.

"Our evolving, waterfront city is among the most multi-modal and connected cities in the country. We have passenger rail that connects us to other cities on the east coast, the only light rail system in Virginia which connects our diverse and unique neighborhoods, an airport less than 20 minutes from our downtown that has direct connections as far west as Denver, Phoenix, and San Diego, and a cruise terminal steps from our city hall that connects travelers to Cuba. We are home to four college and universities, more than seven miles of beachfront, a growing, innovative economy, and resilient spirit that is creating the coastal community of the future.

"The heritage of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe also connects them to our region, and we look forward to continuing our conversation and creating another destination for Norfolk."